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1. The 1954 construction program in its final form was made known at a labor conference of the Billeting Department (VQN) which was held on 16 October 1954. The total budget for all three services, including the 1953 surplus, amounted to 245,000,000 eastmarks, while funds spent on the individual projects totaled 210,600,000 eastmarks.
2. The 1955 investment budget was finally set up at a labor conference of the VQN which was held on 10 January 1955. The conference involved representatives of the Pasewalk, Eggesin, Berlin, Dresden, Erfurt, Halle, Leipzig, Potsdam, Schwerin and Stralsund Billeting Offices (QNA). The VP-See (New) was represented by Colonel Becker (fnu), and the Aero-Club (Air force) by Captain Schultz (fnu), the head of the Control and Inspection (KI) organization, and Senior Lieutenant Moeller (fnu), planning engineer. The construction budget envisaged the expenditure of 205,000,000 eastmarks which amount included 135,000,000 eastmarks for the KVP-Land (Army), 40,000,000 eastmarks for the VP-See, and 30,000,000 eastmarks for the Aero-Club. The last mentioned amount included no funds which were to be spent on airfield construction since airfields were scheduled to be constructed by the Soviet Army.
3. Funds established for allocation to the several QNAs were as specified below:

<u>Billeting Office</u>	<u>Eastmarks</u>
Pasewalk	15,800,000
Eggesin	18,955,000
Berlin	32,000,000
Dresden	11,000,000
Erfurt	6,400,000
Halle	6,700,000
Leipzig	8,000,000

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Potsdam	12,400,000
Schwerin	1,500,000
Stralsund	4,900,000

Total	117,655,000	1
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The balance of 17,345,000 eastmarks was to be used for common interest items and was to be distributed by the VQN to the three services.

4. Terms used in the present budget differed from terms used in previous budgets, for instance Karpin project instead of Karpin installation, or oil preheater installation instead of oil preheater construction measure.
5. Projects for the main installations of KI Group Eggesin were as follows:

Eggesin project (801):

	Eastmarks
a. Road completion	62,000
b. Officers' house	128,000
c. Two wash ramps	28,000
d. Completion of the garage construction program	70,000
e. Completion of the area lighting system	51,000
Total	339,000

Eggesin project general and Gumnitz project (806):

a. 2d Construction section of the clothing and equipment warehouse	957,000
b. 3 sauerkraut silos	240,000
c. Improvement of the QNA depot	90,000
Total	1,287,000

Karpin project (803):

Section A:

a. Completion of road construction in the U sector	100,000
b. Construction of an electric shop (brick walls)	350,000

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c. Construction of three wash ramps	42,000
d. Construction of model 16-B garages	180,000
e. Construction of a central gasoline separator	90,000
f. Completion of the irrigation and drainage system in the park sector	130,000
g. Completion of the supplementary garage construction program of 1954	50,000

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Total	942,000
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Section B:

a. Completion of the electric shop	225,000
b. Construction of a wash ramp	14,000
c. Completion of the irrigation and drainage system in the park sector	140,000
d. Construction of model 16-B garages (20 bays)	180,000

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Total	559,000
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Section C:

a. Completion of the electric shop	225,000
b. Completion of the headquarters personnel clubhouse	637,000
c. Completion of the irrigation and drainage system in the park sector	90,000
d. Construction of a wash ramp	14,000
e. Completion of the supplementary garage construction program about	60,000

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Section D:

a. Completion of the headquarters personnel clubhouse	775,000
b. Completion of the electric shop	225,000
c. Completion of the irrigation and drainage system in the park sector	120,000
d. Construction of model 16-B garages (20 bays)	180,000
e. Construction of a wash ramp	14,000
f. Completion of the supplementary garage construction program	80,000
g. Completion of outward stuccoing in the U sector	57,000

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Total	1,451,000
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Section E:

a. Completion of the electric shop	225,000
b. Construction of model 16-B garages (20 bays)	180,000
c. Completion of road construction in the park sector	753,000
d. Construction of a wash ramp	14,000
e. Completion of the irrigation and drainage system in the park sector	83,000
f. Construction of a central gasoline separator	90,000

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Total	1,345,000
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Karpin project general (also 303):

a. Completion of 84 housing units	1,000,000
b. Completion of two officers' boarding houses	930,000
c. Completion of the ammunition depot	140,000
d. Construction of two clothing and equipment storehouses (brick walls)	400,000

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e. Construction of a Ch-room (gas chamber)	40,000
f. Completion of roof drainage	40,000
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Total	2,550,000

Altwar project (802):

a. Construction of an oil preheater, 2d construction section	87,000
b. Completion of the electric shop	225,000
c. Construction of an athletic field	200,000
d. Completion of the irrigation and drainage system in the park sector	30,000
e. Completion of the roof sewerage	10,000
f. Construction of a wash ramp	14,000
g. Roundabout lighting system for the entire installation	72,000
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Total	638,000

Altwar ammunition depot (813):

The Training Department independently controlled the execution of this project:

Spechtberg project (804):Section A:

a. Completion of road construction in the park sector	1,250,000
b. Completion of the electric shop	325,000
c. Completion of the supplementary garage construction program	120,000
d. Completion of the irrigation and drainage system	120,000
e. Construction of a central gasoline separator	90,000
f. Oil preheater, 2d phase of improvement	70,000
g. Construction of a wash ramp	14,000

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- h. Completion of the headquarters  
personnel clubhouse 700,000

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Total 2,689,000

Section B:

- a. Completion of the electric shop 285,000
- b. Completion of the irrigation and  
drainage system 130,000
- c. Completion of a wash ramp 14,000
- d. Oil preheater, 2d phase of  
improvement 70,000
- e. Completion of outside stuccoing  
in the U sector 86,000
- f. Completion of all roads under  
construction in the park sector 1,300,000

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Total 1,885,000

Section C:

- a. Completion of the irrigation and  
drainage system 170,000
- b. Construction of a wash ramp 14,000
- c. Construction of a service station 90,000
- d. Completion of the supplementary  
garage construction program 210,000

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Total 484,000

Section C I base (installation 808):

- a. Completion of the C I base 650,000
- b. Construction of a wash ramp 14,000
- c. Construction of a service station 90,000
- d. <sup>Road</sup>Construction, 1st construction  
phase 200,000
- e. Irrigation and drainage system  
in the park sector 100,000

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f. Completion of the garages 50,000

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Total 1,104,000

Spechtberg project general (804):

a. Construction of a 4-story boarding-house for bachelor officers, 1st construction phase (brick walls) 600,000

b. Roundabout lighting systems for Sections A and B 193,000

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Total 793,000

Ueckermuende project (805):

Improvement or repair of the buildings of the former Ueckermuende mental hospital, 1st construction phase, for use as hospital (The funds required for the entire project will amount to about 5,000,000 eastmarks.) 500,000

Several minor projects 1,363,000

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Total 18,955,000

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6. The construction of a remote heating plant for the Eggesin - Karpin - Spechtberg area was allegedly planned for 1956 to 1960. Funds to be invested in this project were said to be as large as about 25,000,000 eastmarks.
7. As determined at the KI group of the Berlin Billeting Department at 3 Bad Strasse in Strausberg on 22 January 1955, the 1955 construction budget envisaged the spending of funds totalling 31,466,000 eastmarks which were distributed as specified below:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Eastmarks</u>
Strausberg	20,633,300
Eggersdorf	5,296,200
Kuechensee	1,285,000
Bad Saarow	1,043,000

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Hohensaaten	994,000
Finow	776,000
Gorgast	500,000
Berlin-Stadt (City)	260,000
Spechthausen	78,500
Minor investments	600,000

Total	31,466,000
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The Gorgast project was the only newly added project in the above list. It included extension of the irrigation and drainage system, road improvement, safety and security measures for the so-called technical zone, and minor work. At the Strausberg installation, efforts were to be concentrated on the continuation of the housing project and work on Installation I a, and the completion of Installation I b. For the Eggersdorf project, the budget envisaged mainly garage construction and improvement of roads required for the garages.

8. From 17 to 22 January 1955, the Berlin Billeting Department checked the 1954 construction contracts for fulfilment of quotas. On this occasion, funds budgeted for 1954 were determined as specified below:

Installation:Funds budgeted for 1954:

Berlin-Stadt (City): Completion of garage construction	36,000
Berlin-Biesdorf: Erich Weinert's soloists' group	100,000
Berlin-Biesdorf: completion of apartment houses	144,000
Berlin Behren Strasse:	218,500
Berlin-Johannisthal:	150,000
Berlin Fenn Strasse: Improvement of the bachelors' home	40,000
Treptow and Schoenefeld: one low building each	145,000

Total	833,500
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Kuechensee I: Completion of quartering and residential structures, construction of a clubhouse and a kitchen-and-mess building	709,300
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Kuechensee II: In addition to minor work, construction of 40 model 16 garages and 100 model 16 supplementary garages 1,157,000

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Total for Kuechensee 1,866,300

Bad Saarow: Second construction section of building Nos 2 to 18 2,914,600  
First construction section of 24 apartments, road construction etc.

Gransee: Completion 22,000

Finow: Completion of 13 sheds, all-around lighting system, drainage system and fencing 840,600

Spechthausen: Camp construction and reconstruction 290,000

Hohensaaten: First construction section of the central fuel depot 500,000

Eggersdorf: 10 quartering buildings, headquarters building, kitchen-and-mess building, first construction section of clubhouse, clothing and ordnance storerooms, 10 garages, kennel, service station, road construction, heating and drainage system, officers' billets, etc. 11,279,000

Strausberg: Installation Ia: Building Nos 1 to 7 and 9 to 10, road construction, drainage system, heating system 16,143,600

Installation Ib: Billeting buildings, kitchen-and-mess building, clubhouse. Numerous garages. First section of workshop, road construction, fencing, etc. 5,072,300

Installation II: Boarding house for bachelors and clubhouse 362,900

Installation III: Apartment houses, clubhouse, kitchen-and-mess building, etc. 3,331,300

Installation IV: Markorenkow House Residential camp 30,300 6  
2,461,300

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Apartments: 122 new housing units, 132 units in the first construction section 4,286,500

Other apartments: 953,100

Wilkendorf Castle visitors' house 266,200

Road construction, drainage etc. 1,490,000

Total for Strausberg 34,397,200

Total for the Berlin Billeting Office 52,943,200 4

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1. Comment. [ ] the 1955 budget is approximately based on the funds which have actually been spent in 1954, while the funds of the Berlin Billeting Office have been subjected to a curtailment from 53 to 32 millions eastmarks. It is believed that this curtailment is due to the fact that the 1955 budget only envisages the completion of projects whose major portions have been executed in 1954. The 1955 budget for the Eggesin Billeting Office also only envisages the completion of those installations which have been largely set up as early as 1952. The relatively low funds budgeted for the other billeting offices tend to indicate that the 1955 program follows the policy of improving and completing existing installations and continuing the execution of the housing projects. The budget apparently envisages no plans for an essential enforcement of the KVP in the event of the promulgation of a universal military training act. Despite this, it is believed that, as in other fields, such plans are prepared outside of current routine operations and funds required to realize a reinforcement can be made available if it becomes necessary.

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2. Comment. Other information also tends to indicate that Major General Mayer (fnu) in his capacity as Construction and Billeting Chief and the Construction and Billeting Departments entrusted to him work for the three services.

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3. Comment. The list mentions all installations of Mechanized Division Eggesin which are occupied as specified below:

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Eggesin: Division headquarters, headquarters units and signal battalion  
Gumnitz: Supply depot

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Karpin Section A: Mortar regiment and engineer battalion  
 Section B: Howitzer artillery regiment and reconnaissance battalion  
 Section C: 1st Mecz Regt  
 Section D: 2d Mecz Regt  
 Section E: 3d Mecz Regt

Altwarz : AAA regiment and division motor transport school  
 Spechtberg

Section A: Medium tank regiment  
 Section B: Heavy tank SP regiment  
 Section C: Tank instruction battalion and tank repair base

4. ☐ Comment. Strausberg: MdI/KVP 25X1  
 Eggersdorf: Truck regiment, guard regiment, AAA unit and other newly activated units  
 Kuechensee: Central engineer depot and engineer regiment under Koeferl (fmu)  
 Bad Saarow : Largest KVP hospital  
 Hohensaaten : Central fuel depot  
 Finow : Motor vehicle and tank spare parts depot (Finow I)  
 Gorgast : Central ammunition depot  
 Spechthausen : (Finow II) Central map depot (formerly in Niederlehme)  
 Propaganda material and film depot (formerly in the Magerviehshof in Berlin).
5. ☐ Comment. The present report indicates that Erich Weinert's scloists' group has moved from Grossberliner Damm in Johannisthal to Biesdorf. 25X1
6. ☐ Comment. Installation IV is the Walsieversdorf KVP hospital, the former Makorenkow youth work estate. 25X1

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